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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATED BILL PAYMENT SERVICE**

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.193(b)(2)(ii)

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Sir:

Reinstatement of the appeal in connection with the final rejection of all claims in the above-identified application by the Examiner in an Office Action mailed on June 13, 2003 is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.193(b)(2)(ii).

Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal and fee on August 11, 2003, followed by an Appeal Brief and fee on September 19, 2003 in connection with the final rejection of all claims in the application in an Office Action mailed on June 13, 2003.

Thereafter, the Examiner reopened prosecution in an Office Action likewise rejecting all claims and withdrawing the finality of the rejection mailed on December 30, 2003 setting a three month period for response which expired March 30, 2004. Applicants have filed herewith a request for a three month extension of time, extending the time for response to June 30, 2004.

As provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.193(b)(2), applicants hereby request reinstatement of the appeal, and submitted herewith is a Supplemental Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.192 as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.193(b)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

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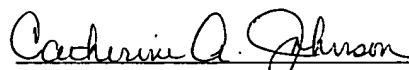
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